

## House Resolution No. 4418

**Whereas**, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives wholeheartedly believe that a successful marriage forms a firm foundation for a lifetime of happiness and security and wish to salute an outstanding Missouri couple whose union confirms that philosophy; and

**Whereas**, Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie “J.W.” O’Neal, treasured residents of Niangua, Missouri, commemorated the resplendent occasion of their Fiftieth Wedding Anniversary on October 3, 2008, with a festive celebration held at the Community Building in Niangua; and

**Whereas**, joined in marriage before the eyes of the Lord on October 3, 1958, J.W. O’Neal and Carlotta Jo Dill began their lives together as husband and wife after a memorable wedding ceremony at the home of Carl Dill; and

**Whereas**, since that happy day, J.W. and Carlotta O’Neal have witnessed with pleasure the growth of their mutual trust and understanding, qualities which continue to endear them to one another with each passing year; and

**Whereas**, a proud father and caring husband, Mr. O’Neal provided a safe and secure future for his loved ones as a carpenter for thirty-five years and farmer for fifty years, while somehow finding the time and energy to serve as pastor at many Missouri churches for thirty-four years; and

**Whereas**, a devoted wife, loving mother, and exemplary homemaker, Mrs. O’Neal enjoyed her family immensely and further distinguished herself through volunteer work with the church; and

**Whereas**, J.W. and Carlotta O’Neal attribute their fifty years of wedded success and happiness to their strong sense of faith and family, the foundation upon which they have planted the seeds of their love and respect for each other in the generations to follow which include their three children and their spouses, Rick and Lori O’Neal, Carla and Larry Chaffin, and Clarissa and Ty Dull; and their eleven grandchildren and thirteen great-grandchildren:

**Now, therefore, be it resolved** that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, join in a thunderous round of applause for J.W. and Carlotta O’Neal upon the glorious celebration of their Golden Wedding Anniversary, and in wishing them much peace and prosperity as they proudly continue their journey along life's path; and

**Be it further resolved** that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie “J.W.” O’Neal.

Offered by \_\_\_\_\_  
Representative Michael L. Cunningham  
District No. 145

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives,  
Ninety-fourth General Assembly, Second Regular Session,  
do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House  
Resolution No. 4418, adopted October 20, 2008.

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Rod Jetton, Speaker